

# Community Relations Policy Statement

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It is Brookhaven National Laboratory's policy to ensure that the ideas, interests and concerns of its internal and external communities are considered in program planning and decision-making processes that affect these communities or the general public. This policy is intended to bring a broad range of viewpoints and values into program planning and decision-making before decisions are imminent, enabling the Laboratory to make informed decisions and to build mutual understanding among the Laboratory and its internal/external communities. To effect this policy, Laboratory managers will:

- Actively seek and consider input regarding Laboratory decisions that affect the internal/external community.
- Inform the public in a timely manner of key upcoming decisions, emerging science and technology, and/or opportunities for economic diversity that may impact stakeholders and/or the general public.
- Provide opportunities for the public to have input in an open, two-way exchange of information, knowledge and perspectives.
- Take into consideration the views of regulators, elected officials, and stakeholders in making decisions.
- Communicate to stakeholders decisions made and responses to input regarding these decisions.
- Provide reasonable access to relevant reports, records, and documents and seek to provide non-technical explanations on technical matters when requested by the internal/external community and the general public.